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RE: Pre-Authorization Request – 2010 PAC 11203
Requester: John Holmstrom, William Charles Ltd.

Dear Mr. Reuter:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) of its intention to deny disclosure of certain information as exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f). On October 29, 2010, Mr. John Holmstrom requested information regarding a facility named Rockford Sand and Gravel. The IEPA asserts that one of the responsive records is exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA.

Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA exempts from inspection and copying “[p]reliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions formulated, except that a specific record or relevant portion of a record shall not be exempt when the record is publicly cited and identified by the head of the public body.” 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f).

Determination

We have determined that the IEPA’s use of the exemption in Section 7(1)(f) with regard to this document is approved. This document is pre-decisional in nature and contains a recommendation regarding the IEPA’s course of action. The IEPA asserts that the record has not been publicly cited or identified by the Director of the IEPA. Thus, the IEPA has met its initial burden of showing that the record is exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f).

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Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at (312) 814-2086. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,

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